

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT
OF
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

PUBLIC HEARING

FOR

ENTERGY LOUISIANA, LLC
LITTLE GYPSY GENERATING PLANT
MONTZ, ST. CHARLES PARISH, LOUISIANA

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IN RE:

Proposed Part 70 Air,
PSD and Acid Rain Permits
Associated Environmental
Assessment Statement

AGENCY INTEREST

NO. 687

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A hearing in the above entitled matter was
reported at the La Maison Magnolia Meeting Room, located at 950
First Street, Norco, Louisiana, on the 12th day of June, 2007
at 6:00 P.M.

Reported by: Renetta Antee-Griffin, CCR

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2 MR. GLORIOSO:

3 Let the record reflect that it is
4 6 o'clock p.m. My name is Jay Glorioso.
5 I'm employed with the Louisiana Department
6 of Environmental Quality. I will be
7 serving as the Hearing Officer this
8 evening, Tuesday, June 12, 2007.

9 This hearing is scheduled to
10 accept public comments concerning the
11 proposed Part 70 Air, Prevention of
12 Significant Deterioration or PSD and Acid
13 Rain permits and the Associated
14 Environmental Assessment Statement for
15 Entergy Louisiana, LLC for the Little Gypsy
16 Generating Plant.

17 For the Part 70 Air Permit it's
18 AI Number 687, Activity Number PER20020006;
19 Permit Number 2520-00009-V1. For the PSD
20 Permit it's the same AI 687, Activity
21 Number PER20060003, PSD -- it's permit
22 number PSD-LA-720 and the Acid Rain Permit
23 is AI 687 as well, Activity Number
24 PER20060005 and that's going to be Permit
25 Number 2520-0009-IV2.

1 This permit was processed as an
2 expedited permit in accordance with
3 Louisiana Administrative Code or LAC Title
4 33:I Chapter 18. The site is located at
5 17420 River Road, Montz, St. Charles
6 Parish. Entergy Louisiana, LLC requested
7 to first construct and operate two CFB
8 Boilers (EQTs 11 and 12), construct and
9 operate numerous associated fuel handling
10 equipment, remove the Unit 3 Boiler (EQT 7)
11 from the site once the two CFB Boilers are
12 constructed and begin commercial operation.

13 The unit 3 Boiler will remain a
14 permanent source at this facility until the
15 two CFB Boilers begin commercial operation
16 at which time Unit 3 Boiler will not be
17 operated concurrently with the two CFB
18 Boilers.

19 Little Gypsy Generating Plant is
20 a major source under the PSD program, LAC
21 33:III.509. The modifications associated
22 with the aforementioned project will result
23 in a significant net emissions increase of
24 the following pollutants: Particular
25 matter (PM/PM10), sulfur dioxide or (SO2),

1 carbon monoxide or (CO), volatile organic
2 compounds or (VOC), sulfuric acid mist and
3 fluorides.

4 Therefore PSD requirements,
5 including best available control technology
6 for (BACT) apply. The selection of BACT
7 was based on a top down approach; a more
8 thorough discussion of the BACT selection
9 process can be found in the proposed permit
10 PSD-LA-720.

11 Neither the project nor the
12 general commercial, residential,
13 industrial, or other growth associated with
14 it is expected to have a significant
15 adverse impact on soil, vegetation,
16 visibility, or air quality in the area of
17 the facility or any Class I area.

18 The Environmental Assessment
19 Statement (EAS) submitted by the applicant
20 addresses avoidance of potential and real
21 adverse effects, balancing of social and
22 economic benefits against environmental
23 impact costs, and alternative sites,
24 projects, and mitigative measures.

25 This hearing is not being

1 conducted in a question and answer format.
2 Please remember that the purpose of this
3 hearing is for DEQ to receive your comments
4 concerning the proposed Part 70 Air, the
5 PSD and Acid Rain permits and the
6 Associated Environmental Assessment
7 Statement.

8 This hearing is to provide all
9 individuals a chance to be heard regardless
10 of their position on the proposed Part 70
11 Air, PSD and Acid Rain permits and the
12 Environmental Assessment Statement.

13 Courteous behavior is expected of
14 everyone at all times. You may speak in
15 support of the permits and Environmental
16 Assessment Statement; in opposition to the
17 permits and Environmental Assessment
18 Statement or simply to provide additional
19 information.

20 All interested parties will be
21 given a reasonable opportunity to comment,
22 unless testimony is not related to the
23 purpose of the hearing. Your comments will
24 be evaluated and addressed in the
25 Department's written response.

1 A public notice advertising this
2 public hearing and request for public
3 comment on the proposed Part 70 Air, PSD
4 and Acid Rain permits and the Environmental
5 Assessment Statement was published in the
6 Advocate and St. Charles Harold-Guide on
7 May 3, 2007 and L'Observateur on May 5,
8 2007.

9 A copy of the proposed Part 70
10 Air, PSD and Acid Rain permits and the
11 Environmental Assessment Statement is
12 available for inspection and review at the
13 LDEQ, Public Records Center, Room 127, 602
14 North 5th Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
15 Viewing hours are 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.,
16 Monday through Friday, except holidays.

17 Additional copies may be reviewed
18 at the following locations: St. Charles
19 Parish Library - East Regional Branch, 100
20 River Oaks Drive, Destrehan, Louisiana; St.
21 Charles Parish - Norco Branch, 197 Good
22 Hope Street, Norco, Louisiana; and the St.
23 John the Baptist Parish Library, 2920 New
24 Highway 51, LaPlace, Louisiana.

25 In addition, copies of the public

1 notice were mailed to individuals who have
2 requested to be placed on a mailing list
3 maintained by the Office of Environmental
4 Services on April 30, 2007.

5 In accordance with Louisiana
6 Administrative Code, Title 33, Part III,
7 Sections 531.A.3.C and 509.Q comments
8 received by 12:30 p.m. Monday, June 18,
9 2007, will be considered prior to a final
10 decision.

11 All comments received by 12:30
12 p.m. Monday June 18, 2007, shall be
13 retained by the Department and considered
14 in determining whether to issue or deny the
15 proposed Part 70, Acid Rain and PSD air
16 operating permits and the Environmental
17 Assessment Statement.

18 Written comments on the proposed
19 permits and the Environmental Assessment
20 Statement may be submitted to Ms. Soumaya
21 Ghosn, LDEQ Office of the Environmental
22 Services, Environmental Assistance
23 Division, P. O. Box 4313, Baton Rouge,
24 Louisiana 70821-4313.

25 Under the Louisiana Revised

1 Statute Title 30, Section 2017, as revised
2 by the legislature in the 2004 session, the
3 Department is required to follow the
4 following order with the provision that the
5 presiding officer may give preference to a
6 public official to speak at a time during
7 the hearing. However, any time limit set
8 for citizen testimony shall apply to public
9 officials as well.

10 The Department must provide up to
11 30 minutes to the permit applicant for an
12 introductory presentation. Thereafter, the
13 preference for speaking up to one hour is
14 given as follows:

15 For the first hour for those
16 citizens who live within a two-mile radius
17 of the location of the facility;

18 For the second hour, to those
19 citizens who work within a two-mile radius
20 of the location of the facility; and

21 For the third hour, to those
22 citizens who live within the parish of the
23 location of the facility.

24 Thereafter, each hour of the
25 hearing shall alternate between those who

1 are in support of the proposed Part 70 Air,
2 PSD and Acid Rain permits and the
3 Associated Environmental Assessment
4 Statement and those who are opposed.

5 The order of tonight's hearing
6 will be based on the information provided
7 by the speaker on the registration form.
8 Anyone who registered to speak but did not
9 provide the necessary information will be
10 given the opportunity to speak; however,
11 they will be called last in the order of
12 registration.

13 This hearing is being transcribed
14 therefore, I will ask that each speaker
15 begin by stating for the record their name,
16 address, and any organization that he or
17 she may represent. I would like to remind
18 you to please turn off all cell phones.
19 Thank you.

20 And at this time I would like to
21 ask the permit applicant's representative
22 to come forward and make their introductory
23 presentation.

24 MR. SCHOTT:

25 Good evening my name is Jim

1 Schott. I currently serve as Environmental
2 Services Manager for (inaudible) Plant
3 Operation Division of Entergy Services. My
4 address is 9 Mallard Glen, The Woodland,
5 Texas 77381.

6 I'm here this evening
7 representing Entergy Louisiana, LLC to
8 provide comments in support of the issuance
9 of PSD-LA-720.

10 This permitt will authorize
11 Entergy Louisiana to construct and operate
12 two solid fuel boilers and associated fuel
13 and material and the equipment at the
14 current Little Gypsy site. Entergy
15 Louisiana strongly supports the issuance of
16 this permit, but ask that LDEQ give
17 consideration to specific comments that
18 Entergy Louisiana will offer in written to
19 LDEQ.

20 Entergy has selected and designed
21 the Little Gypsy project and in keeping
22 with its commitment to sustainable
23 development protecting the environment
24 while ensuring low-cost electricity for its
25 customers through a diversified fuel

1 portfolio.

2 This project offers environmental
3 advantages compared to other new projects
4 because it utilizes an existing industrial
5 site and equipment to save environmental
6 and physical resources. One primary
7 example is that as reflected in the draft
8 permit the project will reduce actual
9 emissions of nitrogen oxide in its facility
10 by over 2000 tons per year to retirement of
11 the existing units - three Boilers.

12 Entergy has worked extensively
13 with state and federal agencies in
14 development of the permit application to
15 ensure that the appropriate equipment has
16 been selected that effects the emission.
17 monitoring and reporting will be in place
18 and the permit conditions meet all
19 applicable requirements.

20 Entergy supports the issuance of
21 this permit with specific minor changes
22 that are outlined in minor detail and our
23 written comments that we will submit.

24 I appreciate the opportunity to
25 present this information to you today. We

1 believe that the draft and permit fully
2 meet the requirements of state and federal
3 air quality requirements and we fully
4 support the issuance with consideration
5 given to our written comments. And this
6 concludes my statement.

7 MR. GLORIOSO:

8 Thank you. I will now begin by
9 allowing all persons who have signed up to
10 speak five minutes in which to present
11 their comments. Anyone who needs more than
12 five minutes will be allowed to finish his
13 or her comments, after all the registered
14 speakers had the opportunity to speak.

15 The first to speak will be those
16 citizens who live within a 2 mile radius of
17 the location of the facility. The next
18 group of speakers will be those who work
19 within a 2 mile radius of the location of
20 the facility.

21 Next to those, who live within
22 the Parish of the location of the facility.
23 I'd like to note that for the record at
24 this time I don't have any additional folks
25 signed up to speak right now.

1 So at this time I would like to
2 call on those citizens who are in support
3 of the proposed Part 70 Air PSD and Acid
4 Rain permits and the Associated Environment
5 Assessment Statement followed by those
6 citizens who are opposed to the permits.

7 I'd like to note for the record
8 that I don't see that anyone has
9 volunteered to speak at this time and it is
10 currently approximately 6:15 and we're
11 going to go off the record and stay off the
12 record until approximately 7 o'clock to
13 give any late arrivals the opportunity to
14 speak and make closing remarks at that
15 time. We're off the record.

16 (Let the record reflect after a 40 minute break the hearing
17 continued as follows:)

18 MR. GLORIOSO:

19 We're back on the record. I'd
20 like to note right now it is 6:55 and that
21 no additional people have come or expressed
22 an interest to speak. So at this time, I'd
23 like to ask one final time are there any
24 other comments? Let it note for the record
25 "no", that no one has wished to comment

1 further.

2 I would like to remind you that
3 the comment period for the proposed Part 70
4 Air PSD and Acid Rain permits and the
5 Associated Environmental Assessment
6 Statement for Entergy Louisiana, LLC,
7 Llittle Gypsy Generated Plant ends at 12:30
8 p.m., Monday, June 18, 2007.

9 I've received no exhibits during
10 this hearing and if there are no other
11 comments I would like to thank you for your
12 attention and participation in this
13 hearing.

14 One more time, if there is
15 anybody else that would like to comment?

16 (Let the record reflect no one responded.)

17 Let the record reflect that the
18 time is 7 p.m. and this hearing is closed.

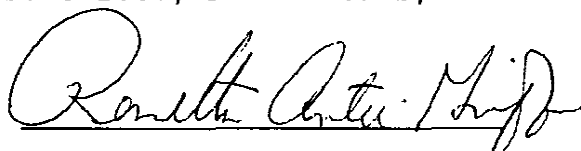
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This certificatiOn is valid only for a transcript accompanied by my seal stamped in blue ink on this page.

I, RENETTA ANTEE-GRIFFIN, a Certified Court Reporter in and for the State of Louisiana, as the officer before whom this hearing was held on the 12th day of June, 2007, at Norco, Louisiana; that this hearing was reported by me in the Stenomask reporting method, was prepared and transcribed by me or under my personal direction and supervision, and is a true and correct transcript to the best of my ability and understanding; that I am not related to counsel, I am in no manner associated with counsel for any of the interested parties, and I am in no way concerned with the outcome thereof.

Signed this 22nd day of June 2007, New Orleans, Louisiana.



RENETTA ANTEE-GRIFFIN, CCR